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Amend the bill in section 1 by striking out all of the indented paragraph (page 1, lines 4 to 13 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

~~In addition, the~~The Legislature declares it to be in the public interest, for the public benefit ~~and, for the good order of the people of this State and for the benefit of the property owners and residents of the unorganized and deorganized townships of the State, to encourage the well-planned~~well-planned and well-managed~~well-managed~~ multiple use of land and resources ~~and. The Legislature acknowledges the importance of these areas in the continued vitality of the State and to local economies. Finally, the Legislature desires~~ to encourage the appropriate use of these lands by the residents of Maine and visitors; in pursuit of outdoor recreation activities, including, but not limited to, hunting, fishing, boating, hiking and camping.’

SUMMARY

This amendment removes the proposed language specific to supporting and promoting forest management and agricultural activities. It retains language in the bill that references the benefit of the property owners and residents of land within the jurisdiction of the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission.